(c) whether Government intend to implement the recommendations made by the Kelkar Committee to formulate a policy to boost weapons exports to make the industry viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir. Part I of the Report of the Kelkar Committee was submitted to the Government on 5th April 2005.

(b) and (c) The recommendations made by the Committee are under examination of the Government.

Acquisition of Dornier aircrafts by Indian Navy from HAL

2390. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy had acquired 10 Dornier aircrafts at a total cost of Rs. 388.20 crore from HAL for maritime reconnaissance and submarine warfare;

(b) whether the decision to equip the aircrafts with indigenous role equipment, still under development at DRDO, caused much delay in their commissioning; and

(c) whether these ten aircrafts are now being used only for routine surveillance as against envisaged role of maritime surveillane and anti-submarine warfare?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was no delay in the commissioning of aircraft. The ten aircraft were inducted in the Navy from February 1998 to December 1999.

The aircraft are being exploited for maritime surveillance and anti-submarine warfare role.

Indo US corporation for futristic weapon system

2391. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to stale:

(a) whether it is a fact thai Director of Pentagon Defence Cooperation